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MILKING PLANT

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

Sir:

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## IN THE CLAIMS

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5. (Amended) A flexible milk hose according to claim 3,  
wherein

the distance between two respective neighbouring  
reinforcement elements decreases from the middle of  
the centre piece towards the respective first and  
second end portions.

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6. (Amended) A flexible milk hose according to claim 1,  
wherein

the reinforcement elements are implemented as spaced-apart  
elevations of material enclosing the circumference of the  
centre piece at least partially.

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9. (Amended) A flexible milk hose according to claim 1,  
wherein

the first and second end portion have each formed thereon  
a reinforcement element.

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